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In re Application of :  
RODRICK A. HERDMAN : Confirmation No: 2657  
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Filed: March 17, 2004 : Examiner: GALL, Lloyd A.  
Title: Rapid-Change Lock

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**37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98**

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The document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form came to Applicant's attorney's attention as a result of an International Search Report (copy enclosed) for the PCT patent application US04/014198, corresponding to the above application. All other references cited in the International Search Report were either previously submitted by Applicant in an earlier IDS or by the Examiner in an Office Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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